GERMANY:

Allied armies striking into Germany from east of the Rhine have made big advances. There has been a security blackout on late news from the western front, but from reports leaking back it is known that five armies have made sweeping advances in the past 24 hours. In the north the British Second Army spearheaded by tanks has reached Dörsten 20 miles past the Rhine. Canadian troops are in the outskirts of Emmerich. Correspondents say that British armor is going ahead faster and faster. There has been no news of the American Ninth Army other than that it has forged ahead steadily.

An armored spearhead of the American First Army was last reported 60 miles east of the Rhine. First Army Yanks have taken Wesel and were last reported 4 miles from Giessen. The American First and Third Armies have linked up near Coblenz.

It is known that General George Patton’s armored columns have bolted deep into the province of Bavaria. One report last night said that one of Patton’s armored columns has 25 miles beyond Würzburg and about 81 miles from the border of Czechoslovakia. The Germans said today that Third Army forces were fighting near Gummersdon, 40 miles east of Frankfurt and 20 miles from the big industrial center of Schweinfurt. Third Army infantry are in bitter street fighting in Frankfurt. The town of Hanau is being cleared also. Troops of the Third and Seventh Armies have linked up. American Seventh Army troops have burst out of their bridgehead over the Rhine and vanguards were last reported 35 miles past the river. An allied correspondent says that “once the blackout of the past 48 hours is lifted it will reveal the most sensational advances of the war.”

More than 1000 Yank heavy bombers today blasted arms plants in Berlin and Hanover. During the night Berlin was attacked by Mosquitoes for the 36th night running.

RUSSIA:

The great Red Army pincers drive on Austria is developing fast. In western Hungary, Marshall Tolbukhin’s Army Group has swept forward to within 65 miles of Vienna. Tolbukhin’s forces have taken another 200 places and are closing on the River HaBa on a broad front. In the center of the Soviet drive, Marshall Malinovsky’s Army is smashing along both sides of the Danube. South of the river his troops have overrun 400 places and have by passed the southern part of Komarno. Marshall Konev on the right is driving for the Moravian Gap and has last reported 13 miles from this historic passageway. The Germans say his troops are almost to the gap and that he is using a great weight of armor.

The Russians took 7000 prisoners in the Danzig area yesterday and are fighting in the heart of that city. They have also entered Gdynia. In East Prussia the Reds took 4000 more prisoners in the pocket trapped southwest of Königsberg.

PACIFIC:

For the third day running, Tokyo radio has reported American landing operations in the Ryukyu Islands. Allied sources have not confirmed this report but American battleships and carrier planes have continued to pound Okinawa, one of the Ryukyu Islands. The Japs also say that super planes today hitied Japan. American troops have landed on the Philippine island of Cebu and were last reported within 2 1/2 miles of Cebu City. RAF Liberator bombers have attacked shipping and harbors on the coast of Sumatra.